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For: **SECRETED AND  
TRANSMEMBRANE  
POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC  
ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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### **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed on September 26, 2003 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants file the present Preliminary Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination with necessary fees.